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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2853
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58793

Shuhei HARADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/545,834

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 3167

Examiner: Ly T. TRAN

Filed: April 10, 2000

For: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS AND CLEANING CONTROL METHOD FOR
RECORDING HEAD INCORPORATED THEREIN

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004, please amend the above-

identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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Therefore, deforming a diaphragm to close an exit port when negative pressure is applied to a valve control chamber would be contrary to the disclosure of Hoen.

Therefore, for at least those reasons set forth above, Applicants submit that Hoen fails to anticipate any of Claims 80 and 89-91, and respectfully request that the rejections thereof be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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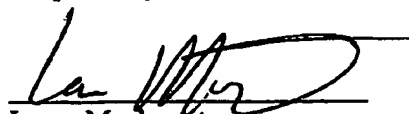
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Respectfully submitted,



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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
	\$
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL	

OR

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OR

OR

RATE	
	\$
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X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL	

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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OR

OR

OR

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	=	
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

OR

OR

OR

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
3-28-05					
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	200	Minus	195	= 5
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	9	Minus	9	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

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RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20"

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